

Delaware Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council

HTICC Minutes

May 31, 2018 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Chapel, Herman Holloway Campus

New Castle, DE

Present: Judge Jan Jurden, Judge Carl Danberg, Abby Layton, Randall Hughes, Annamarie McDermott, Leslie Brower, Julie Petroff, Trenee Parker, Melissa Pennachi, Diane Glenn, Debra Reed, Chris Kervick.

Absent: Brendan O'Neill, Lisa Minutola

Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Part(ies)	Action/Target Date
Meeting Agenda Approval	Motion to approve the agenda was presented, second and passed.	-	-
Meeting Minutes Approval	N/A	-	
Introductions	Members introduced themselves and the discipline they are representing.	All	
Welcome & Opening Remarks	<p>Dr. Kara Odom Walker, Secretary, Department of Health and Social Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Achieving the legislative aims is a “heavy lift” which requires all parties’ collaboration.•Dr. Walker witnessed the impact of human trafficking as a family physician serving marginalized communities.•Progress has already been made in Delaware with public awareness activities targeting transportation hubs and convenience stores.•Law enforcement action is increasingly successful in apprehending and prosecuting traffickers; increase in reporting from survivors.• Dr. Walker extended her gratitude to the experts around the table like the Attorney General’s Office, Law Enforcement and Victim Services staff who are on the front line serving victims.• Alignment with national and federal activity such as the shutdown of “backpage.com”.• The Secretary emphasized the priority of collection of accurate data and recognizing red flags of trafficking.•Secretary Walker wished the Council success in strengthening and building collaborative bridges from the Council to the community moving forward.	Secretary Kara Odom Walker	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rep. Helene Keeley thanked all of the direct service personnel for their capable and dedicated efforts. •Described partnership between the National Foundation of Women Legislators and Shared Hope International in preparing a state-by-state report card. Rep. Keeley aspires for Delaware to improve upon the current “B” grade and challenged all present to aim for being in the top five of states. •Rep. Keeley thanked Senator Patricia Blevins for initiating and Senator Margaret Rose Henry for leading support in the Senate, thanked key staff for moving it into reality, and pledged her ongoing support. 	Rep. Helene Keeley	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Senator Margaret Rose Henry thanked Cabinet Secretary Odom Walker for taking on support of the Council. •She thanked Rep. Helene Keeley for her advocacy and continued dedication to defend the rights and restore the dignity of victims of human trafficking. • As she anticipates retirement, Sen. Henry expressed her pride in the progress to date and the achievements expected to come from this collaborative effort. 	Sen. Margaret Rose Henry	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rep. Keeley announced the Red Sand Project, an event scheduled for 1:00 PM June 7, 2018 on the sidewalk in front of the Tatnall Building across from Legislative Hall in Dover. Advocates, survivors and others will spread red sand in the sidewalk cracks, symbolizing those who are falling into the cracks of society. All are encouraged to attend. 	Rep. Helene Keeley	
Election of Chair/Vice-Chair	<p>Temporary Chair Leslie Brower announced that there was only one nominee submitted for each seat, Chair and Vice Chair. Brower invited members to complete the ballot including the option of any write-in candidates. A motion was moved to vote in favor of the slate by acclaim, it was second and passed unanimously. Motion carried unanimously. The following were duly elected to Council offices of:</p> <p>Chair Dr. Leslie Brower Vice-Chair President Judge Jan Jurden</p>	Leslie Brower	
Review of Statutory Requirements of HB 164			

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k.2.a. Comprehensive Plan for Victim Services	Chair Brower asked representative Carl Colantuono from the Salvation Army to offer remarks regarding the work of the Delaware Coalition Against Trafficking (DelCAT.) Mr. Colantuono summarized the Salvation Army's history serving victims of sex trafficking and expressed confidence that these services will be implemented in Delaware. He noted that DelCAT has convened the following committees and offered partnership with the Council in furthering common goals: Training, Public Awareness, Services Survey and Communications.	Carl Colantuono	
k.2.b. Interagency Coordination	Mr. Colantuono noted that DelCAT facilitates coordinated efforts across systems and services.		
k.2.c. Collect and Analyze Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wilmington University Professor Johanna Bishop described the DelCAT Survey under development to identify services currently available to victims and to identify gaps in the continuum of services. •Dr. Brower referred Council members to the grid attached to the Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States, 2013-2017 as a resource for determining needed capacity. She proposed using such a grid to collect input from Council members regarding Delaware's readiness to meet the requirements of HB 164. •Member input will be collected in an electronic format such as Survey Monkey or Google Docs to facilitate development of a comprehensive assessment which will be used to prepare the Annual Report due to the Governor, General Assembly, Chief Justice of Supreme Court by September 15, 2018. 		

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<p>K.2.d. and e. Promote Public Awareness, Create Public Awareness Sign</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dr. Brower invited Adam Smiley of Brandywine Community Services to summarize lessons learned from the WISH Project, a project funded by the federal Office of Women’s Health that served women engaged in commercial sexual activity. •Mr. Smiley explained that most of the clients came to this work as a means of survival not as a career choice. •A major challenge is that sex work is stigmatized even amongst those engaged in it so it was a major learning curve for staff and clients to engage in open dialogue. • Some adult sex workers, men and women, were initiated as children. Men especially reported being kicked out of their homes for identifying with their sexual preference. •Dr. Brower invited Patty D’Angelo to share the work of the prior Volunteer committee. Members developed posters, brochures and bumper stickers; arranged for translations into Spanish and Mandarin; distributed materials through medical services and DelDot at rest stops, convenience stores, train stations, and for hotel frontline staff. •Ms. D’Angelo praised the work of Commissioner Mary McDonough, Chair of the Public Awareness Committee, for her compassion, diligence and persistence in guiding the committee’s work. She offered partnership of the committee members with the Council in supporting mutual goals. 		
<p>k.2.f. Coordinate Training for State and Local Employees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dr. Brower invited Yolanda Schlabach, Executive Director of Zoe Ministries to share information about DelCAT’s training committee work. •This committee has developed a model of tiered training; described recruitment and preparation of the needed cadre of trainers; and offered the committee’s partnership and collaboration to the Council. 		

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<p>k.3.d. Committee Structure and Leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Jurden proposed the formation of committees to carry out the work of the Council. • The following committees were proposed and unanimously approved. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented, it was second and passed unanimously. • Following discussion it was proposed that a committee on interagency coordination was deemed unnecessary at this time. It was noted that every other committee has a responsibility to foster interagency coordination and that this is a core function of the full Council. Accordingly, a motion was made to approve the agenda as presented, it was second and passed unanimously. Judge Danberg moved to table the idea of this committee. The motion was seconded by Chief Hughes and passed unanimously. • Judge Jurden called for volunteers to chair the committees; the following Council members volunteered: Training: Annamarie McDermott Public Awareness: Diane Glenn Victim Services: Melissa Pennachi Data Collection and Analysis: Chris Kervick Bylaws: Judge Danberg Annual Report: President Judge Jurden 		
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Dr. Brower invited comment from the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilmington University Professor Johanna Bishop announced the 3rd Annual Human Trafficking Symposium, August 9; Early Bird Registration is \$25 if paid before June 15. • Kelly Head, Staff Attorney and Rothschild Skadden Fellow at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., Immigration/Human Trafficking, introduced herself and discussed her work which involves helping victims of sex trafficking and obtain expungements. • Joan Gennarini, Licensed Massage Therapist addressed constraints posed for legitimate businesses by recent regulations. 		

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Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes will be drafted, circulated to Council members and posted to the public meeting calendar in advance of the next meeting.• Committee recruitment of members and planning for committee activities will begin.• Council members will be asked complete a grid reflecting current state of required deliverables, short and long term plans• Chair will establish a plan for briefing members on FOIA requirements, especially the open meetings provisions.		
Next Meeting	To be determined via electronic poll of member availability.		
Meeting adjourned	Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried unanimously at 11:50 a.m.		

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